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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 2519

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PEPR, PBOR, PORG, ET, US, SO, UNSC  
SUBJECT: ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION ARRIVES LAGOS

1. ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR BADEMA TOLD ME THIS MORNING THAT MAJORS BAYEH AND DEWIT ARRIVED LAGOS FROM ADDIS ABABA LAST NIGHT FEBRUARY 27 TO DISCUSS HORN PROBLEMS WITH OBASANJO AND GARBA. MEETING WITH OBASANJO TENTATIVELY ARRANGED FOR TOMORROW, MARCH 11, BUT MIHT BE DELAYED UNTIL THURSDAY SINCE WEDNESDAYS ARE BLOCKED FOR FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING.

2. BADEMA SAID DELEGATION WOULD PRESS NIGERIA TO CALL UPON SOMALIA TO WITHDRAW FROM THE OGADEN. THIS WOULD REMAIN ETHIOPIA'S CENTRAL PRE-CONDITION TO ANY AGREEMENT ON DISCUSSIONS WITH SOMALIA. HE WAS NOT RPT NOT OPTIMISTIC THAT THE FMG WOULD  
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ABANDON ITS STANCE OF 'ABSOLUTE NEUTRALITY' BUT ARGUED THAT, WITHOUT SUCH PRIOR AGREEMENT FROM SOMALIA, NIGERIA COULD NOT RPT NOT FULFILL ITS OAU GOOD OFFICES ROLE.

3. BADEMA SAID THAT HE EXPECTED OBASANJO WOULD ONCE AGAIN REQUEST ETHIOPIAN AGREEMENT TO A MEETING WITH THE SOMALIS THAT MIGHT BE COUPLED WITH AN ANNOUNCEMENT OF SOMALIA'S WILLINGNESS TO

WITHDRAW. HE SAID OBASANJO HAD ALREADY ASKED HIM FOR SUCH AN AGREEMENT AND ADDIS ABABA HAD REFUSED. HE DID NOT EXPECT ANY CHANGE IN THE ETHIOPIAN POSITION. NO ETHIOPIAN MEETING WITH THE SOMALIS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE WITHOUT PRIOR SOMALI WITHDRAWAL OR PRIOR ANNOUNCEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO WITHDRAW.

4. STATING HIS PLEASURE THAT THE US WAS PERMITTING THE DELIVERY OF NON-LETHAL MILITARY SUPPLIES ALREADY IN THE PIPELINE, BADEMA SAID THAT THE RAINS WERE BEGINNING IN THE OGADEN AND WERE HINDERING ETHIOPIAN ADVANCE AGAINST THE SOMALI LIBERATION FRONT FORCES. (PRESUMABLY BADEMA WAS TOLD THIS BY HIS NEWLY ARRIVED COLLEAGUES.)  
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